WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

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New:
Testing to Date
As of March 31, over 80% of students have tested. Out of those students, approximately 35% tested online. Thank you for your continued support testing the ACT this year!

Student Scores
Students will receive their ACT scores 3-8 weeks after testing. Scores will be mailed to students and will also be available in each student's MyACT account. Approximately one week after student scores are released, scores will be posted to Online Reporting (Success.ACT) for schools and districts.

Reminders:
Final ACT Test Window
Any students who did not take the ACT in Test Window 1 or 2, will need to test during the final ACT test window (Test Window 3). Tuesday, April 12 will be the **final** ACT paper standard time testing date for the spring 2022 ACT administration. Please see the [2022 ACT Schedule of Events](#) for Test Window 3 accommodated and online testing dates.
- Schools may use online testing in place of paper testing for make-ups. Test online make-ups with any remaining online testing dates available throughout the testing windows.
- Instructions on how to switch students from paper testing to online testing are outlined in the [Switching from Paper to Online Testing](#) document.

Entering Not Test Codes
Students who did not take the ACT during any of the three testing windows, will need to be marked as "not tested" in PAnext. Please follow the instructions outlined in the [ACT Administration Supplement - Entering Not Tested Codes](#) to complete this process.

Aspire
New:
Aspire Test Window Now Open
The Aspire test window opened on April 4. All testing needs to be completed by May 4.

Transfer Student Requests
Test Coordinators should be actively reviewing and approving student transfer requests timely. Please log in to the Aspire portal to confirm you do not have any open transfer requests pending. Transfer requests will be found under Setup>Work Requests. Instructions on how to approve transfer requests can be found on page 47 of the [Aspire Test Coordinator Manual](#).

Technology Tips
Please review the Technology Tips for Test Day document. These technology tips will help ensure testing is smooth or address any errors on test day.

Reminders:
Staff Training
Test Coordinators should train all testing staff (new and experienced) before test day. Review and implement all training topics outlined under the Staff Training Requirement section of the Aspire Test Coordinator Manual. Recordings of all webinars and task specific tutorials can be found on the Wisconsin ACT Aspire webpage.

Preparing for Testing
Aspire is administered as an online assessment with exceptions given only to students who require paper accommodated testing. Test Coordinators should be actively setting up test sessions and may continue to do so throughout the testing window. Instructions on how to set up test sessions, assign students and prepare test sessions can be found in the Aspire Test Coordinator Manual. DPI strongly encourages all sites to complete all technical readiness steps before testing. Tech readiness resources can be found on the Wisconsin ACT Aspire Webpage, Step 2 - Configuration.

Forward Exam
New:
Forward Exam Test Window Now Open
The Forward Exam Test Window opened March 21. Districts are doing a great job testing students. In the second week of testing, 73% of districts were testing and 14% of all testing was completed. All testing must be completed by April 29.

Shut Down Background Apps
Please ensure all apps running in the background are stopped prior to testing. These apps include but are not limited to:
- Automatic Operating System Updates
- Intelligent personal assistant (IPA) software (e.g., Siri, Cortana)
- Collaboration tools - e.g., Zoom, MS Teams, Google Chat, Google Meet
- Microsoft Game Bar
- Other Background Processes - e.g., virtual keyboards, grammar tools (e.g., Grammarly), classroom monitoring tools

Reminders:
iPadOS 15.4 Workaround Update
For districts who updated to iPadOS 15.4, DRC has provided a workaround that will allow the administration of the Forward Exam. Please refer to the DRC communication that was sent to DACs and DTCs on March 30, regarding the workaround instructions. If you did not receive this communication and your district has iPads that have updated to iPadOS 15.4, please contact the DRC Help Desk immediately. **If your school has not yet updated to iPadOS 15.4 or 15.4.1, please wait to perform this update until after Forward testing is completed.**

Tips for Forward Testing
- Ensure device resolution is 1024 x 768 or better (see testing device requirements in the System Requirements) and that the zoom is 100% to allow test questions to render correctly.

- Have IT staff verify that "Allow App to Manage Power" is turned off (see [Technology User Guide Volume III](#), p. 42, Step 20) to prevent Chromebooks from going to "sleep" during testing).
- Accessibility features must be entered on an individual student basis or with the mass upload of common features (see [DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide](#), pp. 18-19). The Multiple Student Upload (MSU) cannot be used to upload accommodations and supports during the test window.
- All purge requests must go through DPI (see [DRC INSIGHT Portal Guide](#). pp. 33-35).
- DO NOT distribute test tickets when using the practice test (Online tools training or Item sampler). Hold test tickets to distribute only when doing the actual Forward Exam.
- Set-up and device readiness:
    - Verify that the necessary URLs are allowed on firewalls and content filters.
    - Verify that the DRC INSIGHT software is installed on testing devices and is up to date. If local firewalls are used on COS Service Devices and/or testing devices, make sure they do not restrict testing traffic.
    - Verify that the right test content is downloaded and up to date using COS Content Management.
    - Perform a system readiness check on student devices when they come on site and prior to testing.
    - Verify that the onscreen keyboard is disabled for the TDA.
    - Verify that the Xbox Game Bar is disabled on windows devices.

Important Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Assessment
March 21 - April 29	**Forward Exam Test Window**	**Forward**
April 4 -May 4	**Aspire Test Window**	**Aspire**
April 12	**Start of Test Window 3 and FINAL Paper Standard Time Testing Date**	**ACT**
April 12	ACT Wisconsin Specific Office Hours - Open Q&A	ACT
April 13	Return ACT standard time test materials (April 12 test date)	ACT
April 12-15, 18-22	**Test Window 3 - Paper Accommodated Testing**	**ACT**
April 12-14,19-21	**Test Window 3 - Online Standard and Online Accommodated Testing**	**ACT**
April 21	Purge Test Window 3 test content	ACT
April 25	Return ACT paper accommodated and online testing test materials for Test Window 3	ACT

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